

PURPOSE: The purpose of the "Training Today Newsletter" is to provide assistance and support for TPAES users submitting PAE applications. We also use this notification to communicate upcoming LTSS initiatives and to describe how those may affect your daily practices. Please forward to staff in your company that complete or submit TennCare (Medicaid) PAEs/PASRRs. This contains vital information for all TPAES users.

Reminder: Blended Rate Changes Effective July 1st

- **What Changed?** There are no longer Level 1 and Level 2 Nursing Facility rates. Each NF will have a **Blended Quality- and Acuity- adjusted Per Diem Rate** which takes into account the case mix of residents in the facility and the facility's quality performance in QuILTSS.
- **When?** Nursing facility reimbursement rate changes will be **implemented 8/1/18**, but **with an effective date of 7/1/2018**.
- Skilled Services may still be requested on the PAE for purposes of calculating the acuity score for level of care determination, but not for purposes of reimbursement (other than Enhanced Respiratory Care for contracted ERC facilities).
- Enhanced Respiratory Care (ERC) Reimbursement submission and approval processes did not change *except* that ERC rates are now an add on **to the NF's blended per diem rate**. TPAES has been streamlined for ERC requests.

Blended Rate Changes - NF Webinar

To view the recent NF Webinar regarding the Blended Rate changes click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9sBIMHoswo&feature=youtu.be>



Blended Rate Resources

For further information regarding the Blended Rate changes please see the June 19th memo here: <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents/REVISEDImplementationNewReimbursementSystemNursingFacilities.pdf>

Extra...Extra...Read All About It!

TennCare and Ascend will be offering joint training sessions around the state regarding the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process. The trainings will cover:

- PASRR Foundation - Great information for those new to working with PASRR and a refresher for our seasoned PASRR providers
- Using Ascend's Level I portal - Working with Ascend to submit Level I screens
- Understanding Level II Outcomes
- Questions and answers about PASRR in Tennessee
- Level of Care/PAE

The training sessions will be offered in July and August throughout the state. Click below to register:

Memphis:

[Tuesday, July 24](#)

[Wednesday, July 25](#)

Knoxville:

[Tuesday, August 7](#)

[Wednesday, August 8](#)

Nashville:

[Tuesday, August 28](#)

[Wednesday, August 29](#)

